



**Infant and Maternal Mortality Task Force  
Community Engagement Subcommittee**

**March 20, 2020**

**1:00pm**

**Minutes**

Location

Webex Conference Call

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1. Call to order- 1:18 pm
  - a. Members: Shirley Fleming, Cheryl Floyd, Virginia Julion, Tamela Milan, Pamela Roesch, Karyn Stewart, Debra Wesley
  - b. Guests: Star August, Barbara Belcore, Bisola Bello, Wandy Hernandez-Gordon, Hannah Landis, Sarah Moore, Kathy Wilagora
  - c. IDPH Staff: Juana Ballesteros, Stacy Carreon, Omayra Giachello
2. Check-in
  - a. All on call said their name, profession, and described their mood using the weather.
3. Public Comment
  - a. Provided by Star August, student midwife, spoke on behalf of Professional Certified Midwives and The Illinois Council of Certified Professional Midwives. She urged for quality maternal care in Illinois for all mothers and described how midwives account for better outcomes throughout pregnancy and delivery for both mothers and babies.
4. Charge of the Sub-committee
  - a. This committee goal is to identify ways to hear from the target community, identify best practices for community engagement, and make 2 to 3 recommendations for addressing IMMT based on the information obtained.
5. Subcommittee Operations
  - a. Proposed Meeting Schedule- A bi-weekly meeting date was proposed.
6. New business
  - i. The following to be on a live working Google document so participants can add information and guidance to the topic they would like to volunteer for:

- a. Ideas and strategies for hearing the community concerns and wisdom in current environment
- b. Strategies for meeting other subcommittee needs to meet the mandates:
  - i. Review data on social and environmental risks factors for Black women and infants
  - ii. Review & analyze the impact of overt and covert racism on toxic stress and pregnancy related outcomes on women and infants of color.  
Note: Review of existing data and research should minimally include findings the impact, public policy implications, gaps and models that ameliorate or mediate the impact. Next steps- What are the questions?

8. Adjournment- 1:58pm